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Michael Parrish  
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Los Angeles, CA 90053

Dear Mr. Parrish:

Business travel is a fact of life for a great many Southern Californians. Of the numerous inconveniences, perhaps the most annoying is being saddled with a socially-backward associate who sees the trip as an "excellent opportunity to really get to know one another."

Remember the recent John Hughes film, "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles"? I think they based the character John Candy played on one of my recent travel-companions.

Would you be interested in a 900-word article on the foibles of "Traveling with Gum Stuck to the Bottom of Your Shoes"? Please see the enclosed copy of said article.

I am a senior communications major at Cal State Fullerton currently enrolled in a feature writing course. I have been published in Fuller Seminary's (Pasadena) ethnic student's journal, "Amber", and am the former-editor/publisher of a satirical newsletter, "Air, Dirt & Ink" (A Boring Communications publication).

Thank you for your consideration of this article. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Joe Bustillos